

Knights of Columbus

St. John's Council # 3738

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May 2017 Newsletter

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

May is a busy month with many celebrations. Mother's Day is observed on May 14, a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. An image or likeness of the Blessed Virgin Mary is ceremonially crowned on that day to signify her as Queen of Heaven and the Mother of the Church.

May 25 (or Sunday, May 28) we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. It is the 40th day of Easter and commemorates the ascension of Jesus into heaven. It is celebrated primarily by Roman Catholics and Anglicans and is one of the Holy Days where attendance at Mass is mandatory. The Easter (Pascal) candle is extinguished on this day.

May 29 is Memorial Day, a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. It originated as Decoration Day after the Civil War when the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans founded in Decatur, Illinois, established it as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the Union war dead with flowers. On Memorial Day, the flag is raised to the top of the staff and then solemnly lower to half-staff where it remains until noon when it is then raised to full staff for the remainder of the day. Tradition has it that the half staff position remembers the men and women who gave their lives in service to their country. At noon, their memory is raised by the living, who resolve never to let their sacrifice be in vain, but to rise up in their stead and continue the fight for liberty and justice for all.

I want to take this opportunity to wish the wives of all of our members a very Happy Mother's Day and to personally thank those members who were veterans and served in our armed forces. I also want to congratulate the newest members of our Council who made their Admissions (1st) Degree in April: Andrew Jones and Carlton (CJ) Jones III, plus our Knight of the Month for March: Frank Rossi, and our Family of the Month for March, the Rob Kaiser family.



Vivat Jesus,
Joe Moffa, Grand Knight



"A mother is the only person on earth who can divide her love among ten children and each child still have all her love."
Author Unknown

2016-2017 Officers of St. John Council 3738

Grand Knight	Joseph Moffa
Deputy Grand Knight	Dave Ortman
Chaplain	Rev. Rafal Wasilewski, C.R.
Chaplain's Assistant	Dea. Tom Jagielo
Chancellor	Brad Alexander
Financial Secretary	Frank Rossi
Treasurer	Greg Sobotka
Recorder	Tom Dougherty
Advocate	Steve Conklin
Warden	Ed Mokry
Inside Guards	Rich Carroll Mike Fumagalli Jim Ryan Mike Wallrich
Outside Guards	Konrad Miskowicz-Retz Jim Murawski Cliff Devitt
Guard Emeritus	Steve Dancik
Trustees	Bill Fumagalli (1 yr) Hank Anzelone (2 yr) Al Repak (3 yr)

Weekly Bingo

Bingos at the **Elmhurst Elks Lodge** (*Location - 711 W. St. Charles Rd, Elmhurst, Illinois*)

Join a Team!! Help needed!!
Become an alternate!!

Meeting Dates

- Council:** 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
- Officers:** Last Wednesday @ 7 PM
- 4th Degree:** *contact Tony Polito*

Program Personnel Assignments for 2016 - 2017

Chaplain – Fr. Rafal Wasilewski, C.R.
Chaplain's Assistant – Deacon Tom Jagielo
Lecturer – Konrad Miskowicz-Retz

Program Director – Dave Ortman (D.G.K.)
Church Director – Randy Norman
Community Director – Mike Wallrich
Culture of Life Director – Dave Skrzypczynski
Family Co-Directors – Tom Dougherty & Rob Kaiser
Fourth Degree Club Co-Directors – Tony Polito & Steve Conklin
Membership Director – Brad Alexander
Public Relations Director – Cliff Grammich, Jr.
Vocations Chairman – Jim Anzelone
Youth Director – Chris Simon

Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's April 2017 message to the Order is entitled . . .

A ROADMAP FOR EVANGELIZATION

To see this important message, please go to

http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/supreme_knight/fromthesk_20170401.html

Chaplain's Message - Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

Our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori's May 2017 message to the Order is entitled . . .

FINDING JESUS IN THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

To see this important message, please go to

http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme_chaplain/2017-05-lori-chaplain.html



Council News ~ Events

- † Once again, congratulations to our the **newest members of our Council** who made their Admissions (1st) Degree in April: Andrew Jones and Carlton (CJ) Jones III (sons of SK Carlton)! [*pictured above*]
- † **Haiti Twinning Pancake Breakfast** will be Sunday, May 7 at our Hall. Our PGK, Deacon Pat Blaney, SK Craig Reckard & his wife Gina, and DGK Dave (plus many others from our Council) are very involved in this. Please bring your families and friends to this wonderful Sunday morning event.
- † The Knights of Columbus **Annual Fish Fry** was a HUGE success! We set a new record for sales and on average served over 300 meals per week! Thanks to all who came out to eat and run the fries!!
- † **Ladies: May BUNCO!** Friday, May 5TH @ 6:30 PM at the Hall. Cost: \$6.00 to play. Cash Bar and Prizes. Please bring an appetizer to share!. Bring your smiles & plan on having FUN! This will be the last BUNCO until we start-up again in SEPTEMBER! We are still accepting donations for Peoples Resource Center.
- † Our **next St. John Council 3738 meeting** will take place on **May 9 @ 7:30 PM**, at the Hall. Be active in recruitment during Easter and contact Brad Alexander with prospective Knights or direct them to him.
- † The Westmont Street Fair will begin soon and we are looking for workers for the wonderful grilling and meal serving we do. If you are able to work on a team this year for the **Thursday Cruisin' Nights** car show/street fair, or become a sub, contact Rick at rick_vath@yahoo.com, These will start the **first Thursday in June (6/1/17)** and run throughout the last Thursday in August with the exception of Thursday during Taste of Westmont.
- † On Wednesday, May 31st, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual **White Sox outing supporting Special Olympics Illinois**. On this night, we invite all K of C members, their family, and friends the opportunity to purchase specially priced tickets to the White Sox game against the Boston Red Sox at 7:10 PM. Let Cliff know if you are interested c.grammich@comcast.net
- † **May 29—Memorial Day Parade**
- † **Next Poker Event: June 17**
- † See *Knight Info* emails for additional events



for the Good of the Order . . .

You are asked to please remember in your prayers the following individuals: Michael Bodine, John Benton (father-in-law of C Grammich Jr.), Billie Chorney, Jacques Christiaens (friend of Joe Moffa), survivors of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti, Victoria Isherwood (daughter of Paul, Vice Supreme Master), Frank Joachim, Margarete Jones (mother of Carlton), Maxine Wilson (mother-in-law of Carlton J) the Kaiser family, Mary Jo Kemp (friend of Frank Rossi), Rich Lehman, Jeanette Repak (Al's stepmother), Steve Turner (Jim's brother), Tom Wolinski (brother of Frank), Fr. Marion Wroblewski C.R., Colleen Alexander (wife of Brad), Jim Ganta (friend of DD Steve Gawron), Bunny Goers (friend of Miskowicz-Retz), Kathleen Moffa, Barbara Norman (mother of Randy), Robert Pietrzak (brother of Jim Goralewski), Vincent Coletti, Grace Enzbigilis (daughter of Al Jr.), Jeff Pike (friend of Dave Ortman), Cecilia Pentoney (niece of Joe Moffa)

And, please pray for the repose of the souls of: Dan Chorney, Roseanne Widrlechner (friend of Randy N.), Joseph Fumagalli (uncle of Bill, Mike and Tony), Charlotte Sisson (aunt of Patricia Repak), John Tolbert, Greg Groszek (Field Agent), Victims of Palm Sunday 2017 church bombings, Laura Smith (sister-in-law of Hank A.), Rev. Fr. Eugene Michel & Charles Payne, OFM [4/14/17]



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Ladies' Bunco	6
7 Haiti Pancake Breakfast Bingo in Elmhurst	8	9 Council Meeting	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day Bingo in Elmhurst	15	16	17	18	19	20 Armed Forces Day
21 Bingo in Elmhurst	22	23	24	25 Ascension of the Lord	26	27
28 Bingo in Elmhurst	29 Memorial Day MD Parade	30	31 Officers' Meeting Sox Game	1 Cruisin' Nights Begin	2	3